

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1 (Currently Amended). A solid or semi-solid composition for oral use comprising a calcium compound and an acidulant wherein the calcium is present in the range of 0.3 to 0.55 ~~0.60~~ mol per mol of acid and the proportion of calcium and acidulant in the composition is selected so that the effective pH of the solid or semi-solid composition is from 3.5 to 4.5, and wherein the composition reduces tooth erosion upon administration to a human.

2 (Cancelled).

3 (Currently Amended). A composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the calcium is present in the range ~~0.3~~ 0.4 – 0.55 mol per mol of acid.

4 (Currently Amended). A composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the calcium is present in an amount of about ~~at least~~ 0.4 mol per mol of acid.

5 (Previously Presented). A composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the effective pH of the composition is not more than 4.

6 (Previously Presented). A composition as claimed in claim 5 in which the effective pH is from 3.7 to 3.9.

7 (Previously Presented). A composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the acid is citric acid, malic acid or lactic acid or mixtures thereof.

8 (Previously Presented). A composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the calcium compound is calcium carbonate, calcium hydroxide, calcium citrate, calcium

malate, calcium lactate, calcium chloride, calcium glycerophosphate or calcium formate.

9 (Previously Presented). A composition as claimed claim 1 which is a boiled sweet, candy, tablet, lozenge, pastille, lollie, chew, jelly, gum, drop, or a dry powder blend.

10 (Previously Presented). A composition as claimed in claim 9 in which the composition is a pastille.

11 (Previously Presented). A composition as claimed in claim 1 which is a dry powder blend.

12 (Previously Presented). A composition as claimed in claim 11 wherein the dry powder blend is a powdered drink product.

13 (Currently Amended). A composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the calcium is present in a value of about 0.5 mol per mol of acid.  
~~which is an oral healthcare composition.~~

14 to 21 (cancelled).

22 (Currently Amended). A process for preparing a solid or semi-solid composition containing a calcium compound and an acidulant wherein the calcium is present in the range 0.3 to 0.55 ~~0.6~~ mol per mol of acid and the effective pH of the composition is from 3.5 to 4.5, comprising mixing the calcium compound with the acidulant so that calcium is present in the range of 0.3 to 0.6 mol per mol of acid.

23 to 26 (cancelled).

27 (Currently Amended). A process as claimed in claim 22 in which the calcium is present in the range ~~0.3~~ 0.4 - 0.55 mol per mol of acid.